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1. Köthen (D95): The 17th Motorized Infantry Division, earlier reported by source to have had a strength of 11,000 EM and 1,200 officers scattered about the Köthen area, evacuated this region on 18 April 1947. Approximately 200 EM and 10 officers remained in Köthen. Although source's report is not clearly worded, it appears as if separate units had been grouped at Spandau and then shipped "to the Balkans". (Source 1).

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2. Erfurt (J36): The headquarters and some units of 47th Guards Tank Division have been stationed in Erfurt since 7 May. (Source 1).

3. Neuruppin (Z49): In early May, strength in the Neuruppin area was estimated at 20,000 troops, composed as follows:
1,000 - armored maintenance unit based in the former Luftwaffe barracks.
7,000 - station complement of the officer candidates school in Neuruppin.
12,000- officer candidates from the Second Guards Mechanized Army.

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4. The Neuruppin officer candidates school is operated by the 18th Tank Division, commanded by Colonel Vadloszek. Courses run for six weeks. Training, which is given in areas north of Neuruppin, includes the use of rifles, machine guns, mortars, and rocket launchers (Nebelwerfer).

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5. Fifty percent of the Soviet dependents in Neuruppin have been returned to the USSR. (Source 1).

6. Magdeburg (Y60): A casual source identifies Magdeburg as headquarters for the Third Army, which is composed principally of armored and motorized units; he adds that this Army has recently received a new (unidentified) commanding general. (Source 2).

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7. Wittenberg (E37): Basing his opinion on personal observation and interrogation of local residents, source claims that Wittenberg is the headquarters of a Soviet corps or army. Three high-ranking generals are permanently stationed there. The town received some motorized artillery units from the Köslin-Küstrin area (M45-V66) on or about 16 April 1947. As of 24 April, source states, some sort of alert appeared to be in effect; garrison troops were being confined to barracks and were subject to frequent formations. Many Russians in Wittenberg are now wearing civilian clothes. (Source 3).

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8. The following items were supplied by casual sources in the Lausitz area:
- a) Beginning 20 April, rifle divisions in the area Finsterwalde (A15), Senftenberg (A34), and Cottbus (A57) were shifted to the region of Torgau-Bad Liebenwerda (E64-E93).
 - b) Beginning 23 April, houses and residential blocks were being requisitioned in advance of troop arrivals in Finsterwalde, Cottbus, Cuben (A79), Herzberg (E75), and Jüterbog (E69).
 - c) Between 23 and 26 April, armored units arrived in Finsterwalde. Tanks were parked on the local airfield.
 - d) During the last week in April, motorized advance units arrived in Finsterwalde, Calau (A26), Lübben (A28), Gross Räschen (A34), and Alt Döbern (A35). Troops immediately began to set up motor pools and repair shops.
 - e) At the end of April, tank units arrived in Pölsnerda (E63). Tanks and other vehicles were parked on a former horse-breeding farm at Graditz (E64).

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